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PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF REFINERIES
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production capacity of the refineries of the country during the year 2007-08;

(b) whether the production capacity is more than the current consumption requirements;

(c) if so, the details of the assessment made by the Government in this regard;

(d) the estimated production capacity of the refineries by the year 2012;

(e) whether the Planning Commission has given its consent to the proposal for increasing the said production capacity; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) The present refining capacity of the refineries of the country is 148.97 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA).

(b)&(c): The refining capacity is more than the current consumption requirements and India is a net exporter of Petroleum Products.Higher refining capacity over & above the domestic requirements will boost export earnings from export of petroleum products through value addition, and will enhance energy security of the country.

(d) The refining capacity of the refineries by the year 2011-12 is estimated to be 240.96 million metric tonnes per annum.

(e)&(f): The refinery sector was delicensed in June, 1998. Since then a refinery can be set up anywhere in India by private or public sector enterprises depending on the promoters` assessment of its viability. It is not the Central Government but public or private sector enterprises who consider proposals for setting up new refineries/expansion of capacity.